Police atrocities on inhabitants of Batala Punjab

2977. SHRI P. K. KUNJACHEN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Indian Post of 15th February, 1989 regarding police atrocities on inhabitants of Batala in Punjab;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) the action taken by Government to gain confidence of the people of that town?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A number of steps have been taken by the Government of Punjab to tone-up the Police Administration to restore the confidence of the people. An Additional Deputy Commissioner has been posted at Batala and he alongwith SSP Batala is undertaking tours of the villages to look into the grievances of the people and redress them. An Empowered District Committee has also been established for the speedy redressal of the public grievances. The District Police officers have been instructed to show due regards to the Sarpanch/Panches and other respectable villagers who may visit their offices and Police stations to ensure that proper justice is given to their complaints. Senior Police and Civil officers are constantly monitoring and reviewing the situation.

Afforestation target

2978. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Wasteland Development Board has set a higher afforestation target for the current financial year; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the amount allotted for the pu pose?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) and (b) For the current financial year, the afforestation target for all States and Union Territories put together is 1.6 million hectares and the total allocation for the programme is about Rs. 400 crores. These figures do not include the coverage and allocation for Social Forestry under the Jawahar Rozgar Yojana which is to be implemented through the Panchayats.

Inquiry into police excesses in Punjab

2979. SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN:

SHRI NARAYAN KAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to order an indepth inquiry into police excesses on innocent people in Punjab; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and by when it is likely to start?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Enquiry commissions on riots in the Country

2980. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of enquiry commissions constituted by the Central Government to investigate into the causes of riots in various parts of the country so far;

(b) how many of these commissions submitted their reports; and

(c) the details of action taken on such reports

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Presumably, the question seeks information in regard to the Commissions of Inquiry set up by the Central Government to investigate into causes of communal riots in various parts of the country. No such Commission has been set up by the Central Government during the last three years.

(b) and (c) The recommendations of the various Commissions of Inquiry set up to investigate into the causes of communal riots in the country are kept in focus while formulating guidelines for combating communal violence and for promotoin of communal harmony which are periodically circulated to the various State Governments/U.T. Administrations for dealing with communal riot situations. Action against the guilty persons for specific offences listed in the Reports is taken under the law.

Complaints of frauds against high officials of State Bank of Indore

2981. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the then Chairman of State Bank Group, Central Office Bombay received a number of complaints from Members of Parliament regarding misappropriation/frauds committed by the high officials of the State Bank of Indore since January, 1988;

(b) if so, the number of complaints received by the Chairman/Managing Director/Deputy Managing Directors in this regard; and

(c) the action taken against the guilty officers of the State Bank of Indore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) Information is being collected, and to the extent available, will be laid on the Table of the House.

व्यापार घाटे को कम करने के लिए निर्यात में वृद्धि करना

2982. **श्री शरद यादव :** क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान देश का व्यापार घाटा कितना रहा है ;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि विदेशी व्यापार घाटे के कारण देश की अर्थ-व्यवस्था पर प्रतिकूल प्रभाव पड़ रहा है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो किस प्रकार से ;

(घ) निर्यात में वृद्धि करने के लिए सरकार द्वारा अब तक क्या कदम उठाए गए हैं और इस प्रयोजन के लिए जिन वस्तुओं की पहचान की गई है उनके नाम क्या हैं ; और

(ङ) निर्यातों में वृद्धि करने के लिए निर्यातकों को किस प्रकार की वित्तीय सहायता या रियायत प्रदान की जा रही है ?

वाणिज्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी. आर. दासमुंशी) : (क) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान भारत का विदेशी व्यापार घाटा नीचे दिया गया है :

(मूल्य करोड़ रुपये)

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पीआर : आंशिक रूप से संशोधित
पी : अनन्तिम